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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116, since no new claims or issues are raised and all rejected claims in the rejection of record have been canceled. Attached hereto is an Excess Claims Fee letter and fee for one excess independent claim and a Petition and fee for a one-month time extension.

It is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Claims 5, 13, 14, 18, 21, and 33-35 are all of the claims pending in the present Application. All claims rejected in the latest rejection of record have been canceled to expedite prosecution.

According to the latest Office Action dated November 30, 2004, claims 5, 18, and 21 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 13, 14, and 33-35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format and have accordingly rewritten these claims.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

The Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to show the feature that the present invention is intended to be mounted on a surface of an automobile. Applicants believe that the above drawing specification change addresses this concern and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this objection. The corresponding specification change was entered into the record via the Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111 filed on April 21, 2003.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 5, 13, 14, 18, 21, and 33-35, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

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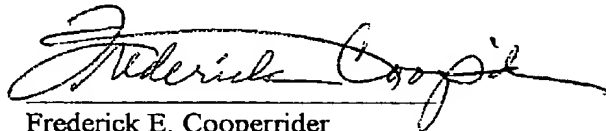
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Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (703) 872-9306 this Supplemental Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 to Examiner L. Shapiro on March 30, 2005.



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